

## “THE WORLD OF BANKSY”

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The World of Banksy is an immersive experience located a stone's throw from the Palais Garnier. The place permanently exhibits about a hundred works by Banksy, one of the masters of street art, known all over the world. The experience can be combined with a visit to the Walled Off Hotel - located right next door - a Parisian replica of the hotel created in Bethlehem. There are many decorative and artistic elements reminiscent of Banksy.

I think that Banksy's works provoke extensive debate on salient and relevant issues such as war, refugees, social media and politics. His works inspire viewers and breathe life into the streets, giving new meaning to graffiti and street art.

Known for his unapologetic criticism of today's political, military and financial establishments, Banksy expresses this through his iconic, but relevant imagery. A central pillar of Banksy's activism is his stance against all forms of war and violence. And we can see that with all the different graffiti he has created. Indeed, the « Bomb Love » or « Rage, the Flower Thrower » denounce violence all over the world.

I really enjoyed this exhibition because I was able to question myself about many things. Indeed, it addresses a lot of themes that are taboo but which nevertheless affect the whole world and are not considered enough. I think it is fundamental to question oneself!

I strongly recommend everyone to go and see this exhibition, it allows you to take a step back from the world and what is happening at the moment. It will make you realize and understand many things...

So go to 44, Rue du Faubourg Montmartre, Paris 9 and discoverer it yourself! You will not regret it and you will leave wiser.